

### Fire Chief Issues Safety Warning

The warning "don't touch a blasting cap" was sounded today by Fire Chief Benner in launching a broad safety campaign to protect children from blasting cap accidents that last year blinded or maimed over 100 children and adults.

Blasting caps are shiny, pencil sized metallic cartridges which, when inserted into sticks of dynamite and detonated by a burning fuse or electric charge, set off the explosion.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Calabrese, Jr., of 21142 LaSalle, announce the birth of a daughter, Gloria Louise, born on June 1, at Torrance Memorial hospital, and weighed 6 pounds and 4 1/2 ounces.

### The Recreation Problem

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By HARRY VAN BELLEHEM, Guest Editor



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**Director of Recreation**  
Nearly everyone in Torrance seems to be conscious of the fact that we have a "recreation problem in town," and there are as many solutions offered to solve this problem as there are people who think there is a problem.

What is "Recreation?"  
Recreation is what an individual does in his leisure time simply because he enjoys doing it.

The Department of Recreation in Torrance has the responsibility of providing facilities and leadership necessary to insure morally sound and physically healthful recreation to the residents of the City.

This is a job that no public recreation department can do alone. As much a part of the total recreation program in Torrance as the City recreation department are the many private agencies, such as: the Y.W.C.A., the Y.M.C.A., the Girl Scouts, the Boy Scouts, Little League, Babe Ruth League, the many church recreation programs, and so forth:

The commercial recreation establishments also play a very important part in the total recreation picture of Torrance.

There is one very important point that must be made regarding public recreation in Torrance. With very few exceptions the youth who get into real trouble with the law do not know how to play the games that all youth should know how to play.

In working with gangs in Los Angeles, this writer discovered that the real trouble makers could not play baseball, softball, football, or basketball.

In most cases, this condition was not one of their own making. They simply had never had the opportunity to learn these things. Consequently, they began to join in with other youth in gangs to achieve recognition, pleasure, and enjoyment by engaging in gang activities.

It is important that youth learn a variety of skills that are not morally or physically degenerating so that they may use their leisure time to advantage. It is equally important that they continue to engage in these wholesome, healthful activities as they grow into adulthood.

Nothing determines the character of a city so much as the way the citizens of that city make use of their leisure time. Leisure time is an important part of life in Torrance today. Therefore, recreation in Torrance is important. The public recreation program is very important in the total picture because it is the program offered by the city government of Torrance to its citizens.

It is your program.  
We, the recreation employees of the City of Torrance, realize the importance of our job in Torrance.

We will do our best to live up to our responsibility; but we can't do it alone.

We need your continued support and help.

### John Gipe Aids In Korea School

Pfc. John E. Gipe, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Gipe Sr., Walteria, is helping to build a new schoolhouse in Korea, where he is serving with the 1 Corps' 501st Quartermaster Battalion. Gipe and other members of the battalion are constructing a four-room building to replace

### 30-Year Career Ends As Shopman Retires

After thirty years of service, Charles D. Pennington, leader at the Torrance Shops of Pacific Electric Railway, has retired. The announcement was made today by the company.

the war-torn and weather-beaten school used by 400 children in the town of Uijongbu.

### Funds For Water Tests Available

Sufficient funds to purchase water for the water barrier until the beginning of the 1954-55 fiscal year have been collected by the West Basin Water association, according to Carl Fostete, secretary.

The association raised \$39,849 from members and producing agencies in the area to provide the operation with water through the last part of the current fiscal year.

Beginning July 1, the water will be purchased with funds to be derived from special five-cent tax levied by the county flood control district.

The fresh water is injected into the ground along the shore-

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### ART CLASSES AT HARBOR JC

A course in sketching and painting for beginners and advanced students meeting 4-6 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. on Monday and Wednesday, has been included in the summer session program at Harbor Junior College, J. Reyburn Hatfield, director of summer session, announced today.

The county flood control district is planning to test effluent from the Hyperion plant to see if it can be used as a less expensive substitute for the Metropolitan Water District water.

### Flying Saucer Fans to Hear Fry Tonight

Interplanetary potentates will be hopping aboard their saucers (sans cups) to fly down to the Redondo Beach Woman's club, 400 South Broadway, tonight, June 17.

The main attraction of the flying saucer convention will be Daniel W. Fry, technical scientist from the atomic project at White Sands, New Mexico. Fry will tell how he rode a flying saucer from New Mexico to New York City and back in less than 30 minutes.

Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Thomas, of 28417 Zephyr, Harbor City, announce the birth of a daughter, Kathy Jo, born on June 1, at Torrance Memorial hospital, and weighed 8 pounds.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bailey, 1407 Anapola Ave., announce the birth of a daughter, Sandra Jo, May 24, at Torrance Memorial hospital.

### Man Rides Flying Saucer To N. Y. And Back

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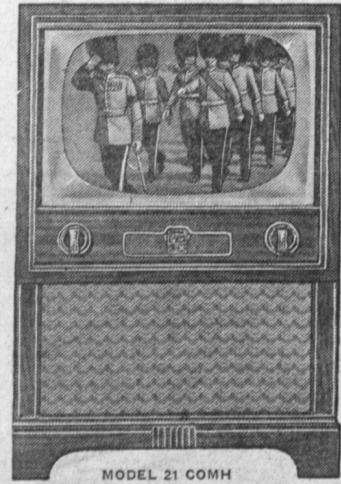
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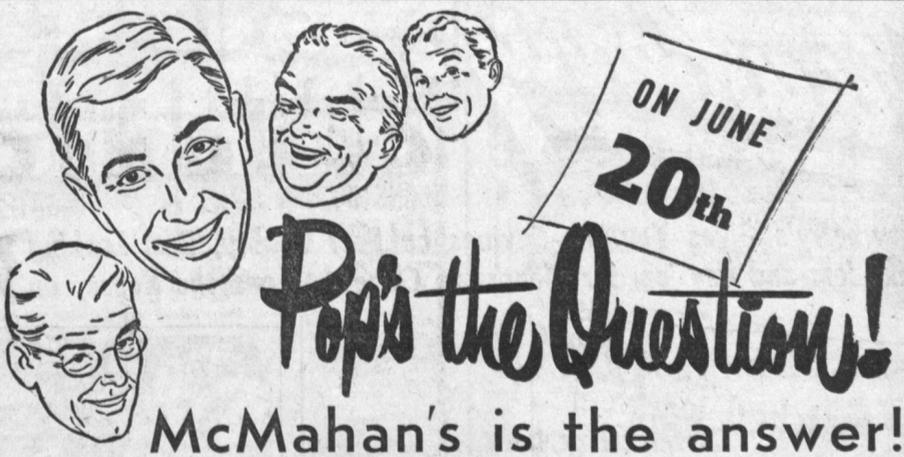
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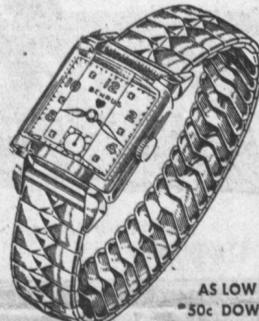
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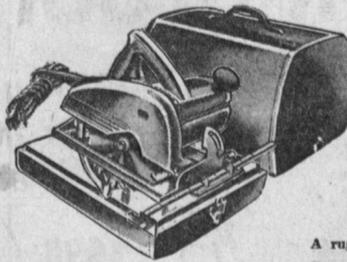
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